



# Louisiana Crop Weather Summary

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For Crop Week Ending Sunday, August 23, 2009

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## CROP INFORMATION

Days suitable for fieldwork: 4.4

Soil moisture supplies: 8% very short, 14% short, 60% adequate and 18% surplus

### Field Crops Report

Scattered showers fell across the state. Rice producers continued to harvest with yields reported to be good. Soybean producers remained busy with application of fungicides and continued to harvest early maturing varieties. Sugarcane producers remained busy with planting. Sorghum producers continued to harvest. Sugarcane producers scouted fields and sprayed for borers.

### Fruits, Vegetables and Specialty Crops

Vegetable producers planted fall crops. Citrus producers scouted for insects.

### Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Cattlemen continued to harvest hay.

| PERCENT OF PROGRESS       |                 |              |           |      |           |
|---------------------------|-----------------|--------------|-----------|------|-----------|
| CROP                      | STAGE           | Current Week | Last Week | 2008 | 5 YR AVG  |
| Corn                      | Mature          | 100          | 96        | 100  | 100       |
|                           | Harvested       | 49           | 39        | 53   | 61        |
| Cotton                    | Setting Bolls   | 100          | 100       | 99   | 100       |
|                           | Bolls Opening   | 47           | 18        | 43   | 40        |
| Hay                       | Second Cutting  | 78           | 71        | 87   | 86        |
| Rice                      | Headed          | 99           | 97        | 99   | 99        |
|                           | Ripe            | 81           | 64        | 76   | 84        |
|                           | Harvested       | 44           | 31        | 43   | 59        |
| Sorghum                   | Turning Color   | 99           | 98        | 100  | 98        |
|                           | Harvested       | 48           | 35        | 49   | 55        |
| Soybeans                  | Blooming        | 100          | 100       | 100  | 100       |
|                           | Setting Pods    | 99           | 97        | 96   | 98        |
|                           | Turning Color   | 47           | 43        | 47   | 54        |
|                           | Dropping Leaves | 24           | 19        | 32   | 36        |
| Sugarcane                 | Planted         | 30           | 22        | 21   | 28        |
| CONDITIONS IN PERCENTAGES |                 |              |           |      |           |
| ITEM                      | VERY POOR       | POOR         | FAIR      | GOOD | EXCELLENT |
| Corn                      | 4               | 20           | 36        | 38   | 2         |
| Cotton                    | 1               | 14           | 35        | 44   | 6         |
| Rice                      | 1               | 2            | 17        | 56   | 24        |
| Sorghum                   | 4               | 23           | 49        | 24   | 0         |
| Soybeans                  | 6               | 16           | 38        | 35   | 5         |
| Sugarcane                 | 5               | 7            | 28        | 44   | 16        |
| Livestock                 | 2               | 7            | 40        | 46   | 5         |
| Vegetables                | 8               | 21           | 40        | 30   | 1         |
| Pasture                   | 5               | 13           | 35        | 40   | 7         |

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LOUISIANA WEATHER SUMMARY FROM 08/17/09 TO 08/23/09

|                         | AIR         |      |     |     | PRECIPITATION |       |        |       |
|-------------------------|-------------|------|-----|-----|---------------|-------|--------|-------|
|                         | TEMPERATURE |      |     |     | WEEKLY        | FOUR  | YR. TO |       |
|                         | MAX         | MIN  | AVG | NRM | TOTAL         | WEEKS | DATE   | NORM  |
| <b>1. Northwest</b>     |             |      |     |     |               |       |        |       |
| LSU-Bossier City        | 96          | 62   | 83  | 82  | 0.78          | 9.47  | 36.10  | 33.95 |
| Minden                  | 94          | 61   | 81  | 81  | 0.51          | 6.88  | 35.47  | 36.35 |
| Mooringsport            | 95          | 65   | 83  | MM  | 0.44          | 7.52  | 37.01  | 30.01 |
| Extreme/Average         | 96          | 61   | 82  | 82  | 0.58          | 7.96  | 36.19  | 34.61 |
| <b>2. North-Central</b> |             |      |     |     |               |       |        |       |
| LSU-Calhoun             | 95          | 62   | 81  | 82  | 0.17          | 3.63  | 28.33  | 37.04 |
| Homer/Hill Farm         | 92          | (56) | 78  | 81  | 0.63          | 6.04  | 31.74  | 36.43 |
| ULM-Monroe              | 95          | 61   | 82  | 82  | 1.19          | 3.85  | 28.05  | 38.55 |
| Columbia Lock           | 94          | 60   | 81  | MM  | 1.14          | 7.96  | 32.30  | 40.25 |
| Extreme/Average         | 95          | 56   | 81  | 81  | 0.78          | 5.37  | 30.11  | 37.66 |
| <b>3. Northeast</b>     |             |      |     |     |               |       |        |       |
| Lake Providence         | 94          | 61   | 81  | 81  | 1.90          | 5.22  | 35.06  | 39.81 |
| LSU-St Joseph           | 93          | 61   | 81  | 82  | 1.39          | 6.90  | 32.22  | 38.46 |
| LSU-Winnsboro           | 93          | 61   | 81  | 81  | 0.82          | 7.43  | 34.37  | 38.03 |
| Tallulah                | 93          | 62   | 81  | 81  | 0.58          | 5.19  | 38.67  | 39.65 |
| Extreme/Average         | 94          | 61   | 81  | 82  | 1.17          | 6.19  | 35.32  | 38.92 |
| <b>4. West-Central</b>  |             |      |     |     |               |       |        |       |
| Leesville               | 95          | 63   | 81  | 81  | 1.87          | 4.12  | 28.72  | 37.43 |
| LSU-Rosepine            | 95          | 63   | 81  | 81  | 1.12          | 3.37  | 28.86  | 38.29 |
| Natchitoches            | 95          | 63   | 82  | 83  | 0.42          | 5.11  | 31.32  | 36.28 |
| Extreme/Average         | 95          | 63   | 81  | 81  | 1.14          | 4.20  | 29.63  | 36.87 |
| <b>5. Central</b>       |             |      |     |     |               |       |        |       |
| Alexandria              | (97)        | 66   | 83  | 83  | 0.27          | 3.67  | 31.76  | 39.35 |
| Brusly                  | 92          | 65   | 80  | 81  | 1.07          | 2.54  | 28.52  | 43.00 |
| Bunkie                  | 96          | 64   | 82  | 82  | 1.09          | 3.32  | 33.34  | 40.52 |
| LSU-Alexandria          | 96          | 64   | 82  | 81  | 0.34          | 1.90  | 33.05  | 37.76 |
| Extreme/Average         | 97          | 64   | 82  | 82  | 0.69          | 2.86  | 31.64  | 39.75 |
| <b>6. East-Central</b>  |             |      |     |     |               |       |        |       |
| Franklinton 5SW         | 92          | 64   | 81  | MM  | 0.66          | 5.26  | 30.98  | MM.MM |
| LSU-Baton Rouge         | 92          | 65   | 81  | 81  | 0.60          | 3.00  | 28.33  | 41.90 |
| LSU-Clinton             | MM          | MM   | MM  | 81  | M.MM          | 2.14  | 24.96  | 42.77 |
| LSU-Hammond             | 93          | 64   | 81  | 81  | 2.49          | 3.81  | 23.99  | 44.14 |
| Slidell                 | 94          | 68   | 81  | 82  | 2.89          | 6.74  | 29.50  | 43.11 |
| Extreme/Average         | 94          | 64   | 81  | 82  | 1.66          | 4.70  | 28.20  | 44.11 |
| <b>7. Southwest</b>     |             |      |     |     |               |       |        |       |
| DeRidder                | 96          | 67   | 83  | 82  | 0.46          | 3.91  | 32.08  | 39.55 |
| Jennings                | 93          | 68   | 83  | 81  | 3.14          | 5.43  | 31.93  | 38.71 |
| LSU-Crowley             | 93          | 69   | 83  | 82  | 1.01          | 4.13  | 36.17  | 39.76 |
| Extreme/Average         | 96          | 67   | 83  | 82  | 1.54          | 4.49  | 33.39  | 39.80 |
| <b>8. South-Central</b> |             |      |     |     |               |       |        |       |
| Donaldsonville          | 90          | 68   | 81  | 82  | 2.63          | 4.96  | 34.64  | 41.49 |
| LSU-Jeanerette          | 91          | 68   | 81  | 81  | 2.69          | 5.94  | 38.97  | 41.74 |
| Morgan City             | 91          | 59   | 81  | 81  | 4.06          | 6.48  | 29.88  | 43.39 |
| Extreme/Average         | 91          | 59   | 81  | 82  | 3.13          | 5.79  | 34.50  | 42.29 |
| <b>9. Southeast</b>     |             |      |     |     |               |       |        |       |
| Galliano                | 90          | 70   | 82  | 82  | 0.71          | 5.24  | 32.01  | 44.95 |
| Houma                   | 92          | 73   | 82  | 82  | 1.07          | 4.30  | 25.53  | 43.60 |
| Terrytown 3S            | 93          | 73   | 83  | MM  | 3.88          | 10.33 | 38.48  | MM.MM |
| Reserve                 | MM          | MM   | MM  | 81  | M.MM          | MM.MM | 10.08  | 44.79 |
| Extreme/Average         | 93          | 70   | 82  | 83  | 1.89          | 6.62  | 32.01  | 43.54 |
| <b>State</b>            |             |      |     |     |               |       |        |       |
| State Averages          | 97          | 56   | 82  | 82  | 1.33          | 5.14  | 32.14  | 39.89 |

M = Missing ( ) = Extremes Yr. To Date = Through August 23, 2009

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